



TROPICAL CYCLONE BULLETIN NR. 23

Tropical Storm OFEL (USAGI)

Issued at 5:00 AM, 15 November 2024

Valid for broadcast until the next bulletin at 11:00 AM today.

"OFEL" HAS FURTHER WEAKENED WHILE MOVING SLOWLY OVER THE SEA WEST OF TAIWAN.

Location of Center (4:00 AM)	
The center of Tropical Storm OFEL was estimated based on all available data at 240 km Northwest of Itbayat, Batanes (22.2°N, 120.1°E) .	
Intensity	
Maximum sustained winds of 75 km/h near the center, gustiness of up to 90 km/h , and central pressure of 998 hPa	
Present Movement	
North northeastward slowly	
Extent of Tropical Cyclone Winds	
Strong to gale-force winds extend outwards up to 160 km from the center	

TRACK AND INTENSITY FORECAST						
Date and Time	Center Position			Intensity		Movement dir. and speed (km/h)
	Lat. (°N)	Lon. (°E)	Location	MSW (km/h)	Cat.	
12-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 16 November 2024	22.7	120.8	240 km North Northwest of Itbayat, Batanes or in the vicinity of Pingtung County, Taiwan	45	TD	NE 10
24-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 17 November 2024	23.4	121.9	290 km North of Itbayat, Batanes	-	LOW	NE 10

TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND SIGNALS (TCWS) IN EFFECT	
No Wind Signal currently hoisted.	

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OTHER HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND AREAS

Heavy Rainfall Outlook

Tropical Storm OFEL is not expected to bring significant rainfall in any part of the country. However, **Weather Advisory No. 41** has been issued at 5:00 AM today for the heavy rainfall outlook due to "PEPITO".

HAZARDS AFFECTING COASTAL WATERS

24-Hour Sea Condition Outlook

Up to rough seas over the following coastal waters:

- Up to 3.0 m: The seaboard of Batanes
- Mariners of small seacrafts, including all types of motorbancas, are advised not to venture out to sea under these conditions, especially if inexperienced or operating ill-equipped vessels.

Up to moderate seas over the following coastal waters:

- Up to 2.5 m: The seaboard of Babuyan Islands
- Up to 2.0 m: The northern seaboards of mainland Cagayan and Ilocos Norte
- Mariners of motorbancas and similarly-sized vessels are advised to take precautionary measures while venturing out to sea and, if possible, avoid navigation under these conditions.

TRACK AND INTENSITY OUTLOOK

- OFEL is forecast to move northeastward today, traversing southern Taiwan and emerging over the sea east of Taiwan by tomorrow (17 November) early morning.
- OFEL is forecast to further weaken due to the increasingly unfavorable environment and interaction with the mountainous terrain of Taiwan, possibly downgrading into a remnant Low tomorrow or earlier.

Considering these developments, the public and disaster risk reduction and management offices concerned are advised to take all necessary measures to protect life and property. Persons living in areas identified to be highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards are advised to follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials. **For heavy rainfall warnings, thunderstorm/rainfall advisories, and other severe weather information specific to your area, please monitor products issued by your local PAGASA Regional Services Division.**

The next tropical cyclone bulletin will be issued at 11:00 AM today.

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